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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Restriction

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-3, drawn to fexofenadine hydrochloride form IX per se, classified in class 546, subclass 239.
- II. Claims 4-6, drawn to fexofenadine hydrochloride MTBE solvate, classified in class 546, subclass 239.
- III. Claims 7-9, drawn to fexofenadine hydrochloride cyclohexane solvate, classified in class 546, subclass 239.

Claims 10-13 process of making can be prosecuted with any one of groups I-III to the extend of making one product among groups I-III. Claims 14-16 can be prosecuted with any one of groups I-III to the extend of the elected product among groups I-III.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because:

The product per se or MTBE solvate or cyclohexane solvate are distinct and independent product. Each product differ in element, bonding arrangement and chemical structure to such an extend that a reference anticipating any one among groups I-III would not render the other groups obvious. Sepearate examination must be conducted.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

A fascimili restriction which is analogous to the telephonic restriction was made to Mr. Payam Moradian on May 14, 2003 to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement, but did not result in an election being made

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the

DETAILED ACTION

1. This application is a divisional of SN 10/133,460. A restriction was made in the parent application and claims 7-9 were elected for prosecution. The same restriction is hereby incorporated.

Election/Restrictions

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 12 1:

- Group I. Claims 1-3, drawn to fexofenadine hydrochloride form IX per se, classified in class 546, subclass 239.
- Group II. Claims 4-6, drawn to fexofenadine hydrochloride MTBE solvate, classified in class 546, subclass 239.

Claims 10-13 process of making can be prosecuted with any one of groups I-II to the extend of making one product between groups I or II. Claims 14-16 can be prosecuted with either groups I or II to the extend of the elected product.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because:

The product per se or MTBE solvate or cyclohexane solvate are distinct and independent product. Each product differ in element, bonding arrangement and chemical structure to such an extend that a reference anticipating either group I or II would not render the other group obvious. Separate examination must be conducted.

A telephone call was made to Mr. Payan Moradian on Aug. 17, 2006 to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement, but did not result in an election being made.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of a species or invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.

The election of an invention or species may be made with or without traverse. To reserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not distinctly and specifically point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse.

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Should applicant traverse on the ground that the inventions or species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the inventions or species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C.103(a) of the other invention.


2. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Celia Chang whose telephone number is 571-272-0679. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas McKenzie, Ph. D., can be reached on 571-272-0670. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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